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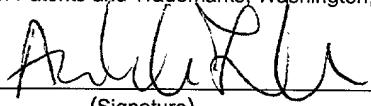
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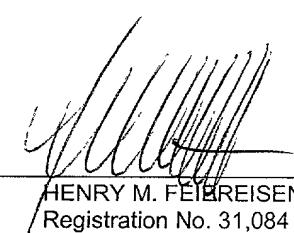
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE99/01772	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE June 16, 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED June 29, 1998
TITLE OF INVENTION ELECTRIC MOTOR		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US ERNST WELLISCH		

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Preliminary to the first Official Action in the above-entitled application,
please amend the application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Electric motor according to claim 1, characterized in that the electric motor is a high-speed, heavy-duty asynchronous motor.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the title, delete "Description".

Before paragraph [0001], add --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0004], add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0010], add the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE
DRAWING--.

Before paragraph [0016], add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 6, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is
claimed is:--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the following claims:

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of the preceding claims " to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

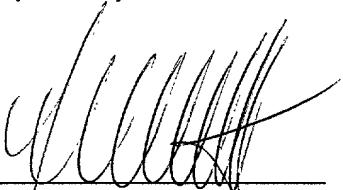
Applicant has amended claim 4 to remove any multiple dependency of the claim. In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it with proper headings.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Description

ELECTRIC MOTOR

[0001] The invention relates to an electric motor including a stator and a rotor which includes at least a stack of laminations layered by sheets and provided with slots for receiving rotor windings.

[0002] German Pat. No. DE 1 107 804 discloses an electric machine in which the dampening cage of the armature includes poles or pole shoes and is made through dead-mold casting, permanent mold casting or die casting. The short-circuit rings are configured as prolonged pole tips which support the winding, disposed on the pole shank, on the end faces of the pole iron as protection against a deformation or destruction through centrifugal forces, and extend into the space between two neighboring pole windings. Hereby, the high centrifugal forces of the armature are only partly absorbed.

[0003] Moreover, it is known, to fabricate the stack of laminations of the armature with end sheets of structural steel or compression rings. The end sheets are configured in the slot area as pressure fingers to effect an axial support. There is no radial force-fitting engagement between end sheet and the short circuit bars in the slot area. The support effect at the bar end must be assumed by the electric sheet. The slots of the electric sheet for receiving the

rotor bars are provided with a leakage orifice which is open toward the outer diameter of the sheet. During operation, the rotor bars are pushed by the centrifugal forces to the outside and supported in the area of the leakage orifice at the rod end of the stack of laminations. At this location, the yield point and the strength of the electric sheet restrict a higher operational speed.

[0004] It is therefore an object of the invention to provide an electric motor having a rotor configured for high speeds while ensuring a high operational safety.

[0005] The posed object is attained by providing at the end face of at least one stack of laminations at least one rotor end sheet which is made of high-strength fine-grain structural steel and exhibits, at least in proximity of the rotor axis, the geometric shape of the sheets layered in the stack of laminations.

[0006] These rotor end sheets of high-strength fine-grain structural steel may be made through laser cutting, water-jet cutting or other suitable cutting processes and exhibit a high yield point and strength (770 to 980 Nm/mm²). Thus, material stress during operation at high speeds can be durably coped with. The fatigue strength of these materials ranges for the stated strength zone at 310 to 400 Nm/mm².

[0007] The rotor end sheets are shrunk or pressed onto the finished or unfinished rotor shaft.

[0008] In accordance with a further embodiment, the leakage orifices of the rotor end sheets are closed so as to realize a further compaction and thus an increase in the yield point of the electric sheets. Radial forces, applied in particular by the winding head at high speeds can be better absorbed in this manner. In addition, the winding or the winding heads are supported hereby at less stress to the material in the area of the electric sheets. As a consequence of arranging at least some leakage orifices in the rotor end sheet, the electromagnetic properties can be enhanced. By a preferred enlargement of the cross section in the area that is subject to high strain, material stress can be further reduced.

[0009] Apart from the rotor end sheets of the individual stacks of laminations, also electric sheets or partial stacks of laminations, positioned axially further inwardly, form a closed leakage orifice and thereby contribute to a further support of the winding and the winding heads, without adversely affecting the electromagnetic properties of the armature.

[0010] The invention as well as further advantageous configurations of the invention according to the features set forth in the subclaims will now be

described in more detail with reference to exemplified embodiments illustrated schematically in the drawing, in which:

[0011] FIG. 1 shows an axial section of a rotor of this type;

[0012] FIG. 2 shows a cross section of a rotor end sheet;

[0013] FIG. 3 is a cross section of a further rotor end sheet;

[0014] FIG. 4 is a cutaway view of a rotor end sheet with closed leakage orifice;

[0015] FIG. 5 is a cutaway view of a rotor end sheet with open leakage orifice.

[0016] FIG. 1 shows a rotor shaft 1 on which a stack of laminations 2 is shrunk or pressed and has on its respective end faces 3, 4 rotor end sheets 5. The rotor end sheets 5 have axial openings 6. These openings 6 correspond to the openings of the stack of laminations 2. These openings 6 serve substantially to provide an axis-parallel supply of cooling air. Diecast rings 7 are positioned at the respective end faces 3, 4 of the rotor end sheets 5 for axial securing of the stack of laminations 2, and are also provided with openings 8 for passage of the stream of cooling air.

[0017] FIGS. 2, 3 show a cross section of half of such a rotor end sheet 5, including the openings 6 for the cooling air stream and the slots 8 located at the outer perimeter for accommodation of the rotor windings or bars, not shown in more detail.

[0018] According to FIGS. 4, 5, the slots 8 have hereby an open leakage orifice 9 or a closed leakage orifice 10. The closed leakage orifices 10 have the advantage of contributing to a further increase of the yield point at high speeds of the motor. In contrast thereto, the open leakage orifices 9 have better electromagnetic properties.

[0019] At operation of an electric motor, not shown in more detail, the centrifugal forces act primarily upon the rotor end sheets 5 which are made of high-strength fine-grain structural steel, so that the slots 8 of the stack of laminations 2 are relieved. The winding heads as well as the windings themselves are supported essentially by the rotor end sheets 5. Such rotor end sheets 5 are mainly produced through a cutting process, such as water-jet cutting or laser cutting. Of course, other cutting processes or punching processes are also suitable in this context.

CLAIMS

1. Electric motor including a stator and a rotor which includes at least a stack of laminations (2) layered by sheets and provided with slots (8) for receiving rotor windings, characterized in that at the end face (3, 4) of at least one stack of laminations (2) at least one rotor end sheet (5) is provided which is made of high-strength fine-grain structural steel and exhibits, at least in proximity of the rotor axis, the geometric shape of the sheets layered in the stack of laminations (2).
2. Electric motor according to claim 1, characterized in that the slots (8) of the rotor end sheet (5) are closed.
3. Electric motor according to claim 1, characterized in that the slots (8) of the rotor end sheet (5) have, at least some, leakage orifices (9).
4. Electric motor according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the electric motor is a high-speed, heavy-duty asynchronous motor.

ABSTRACT

Electric Motor

In an electric motor with a stator and a rotor which includes at least a stack of laminations (2) layered by sheets and provided with slots (8) for receiving rotor windings, at the end face (3, 4) of at least one stack of laminations (2) at least one rotor end sheet (5) is provided which is made of high-strength fine-grain structural steel and exhibits, at least in proximity of the rotor axis, the geometric shape of the sheets layered in the stack of laminations (2). With such a rotor, high speeds and a high operational safety can be ensured.

Fig. 2

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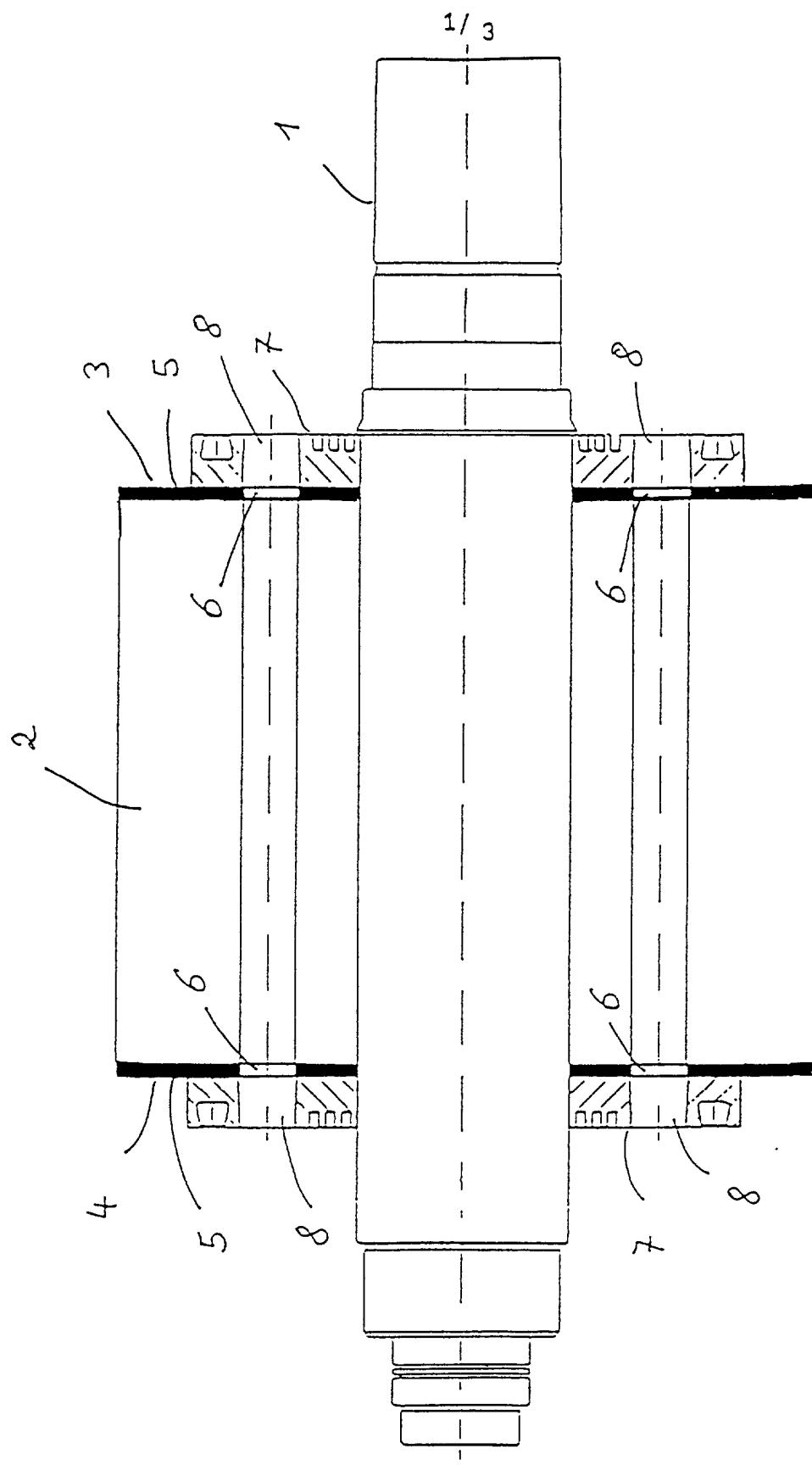


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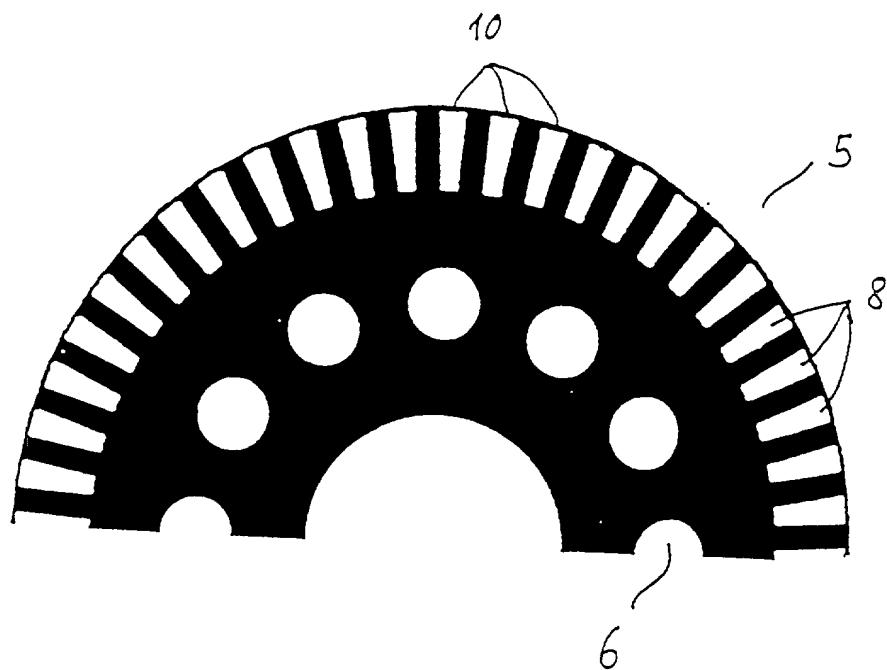


Fig. 2

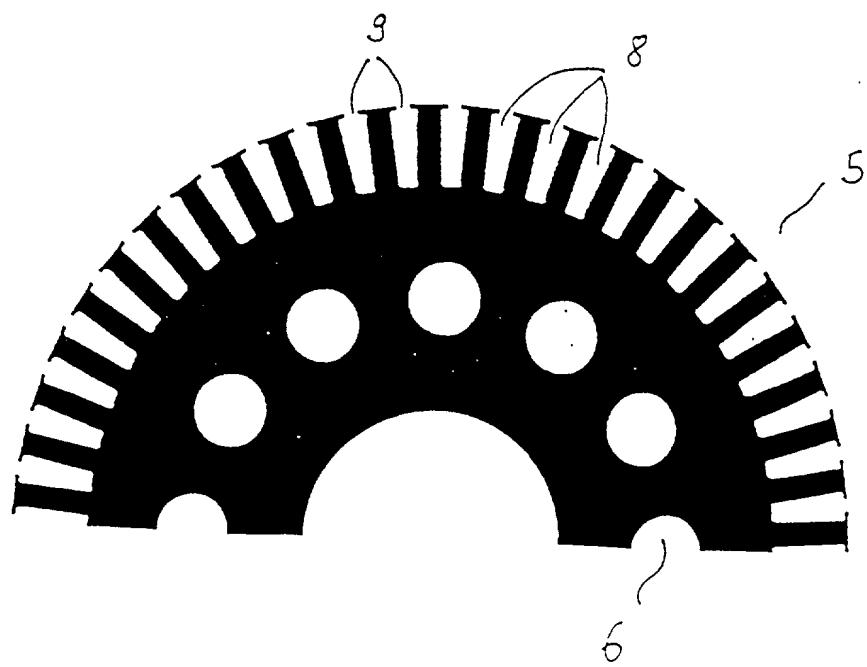


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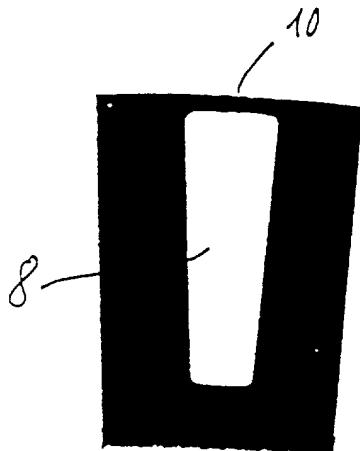


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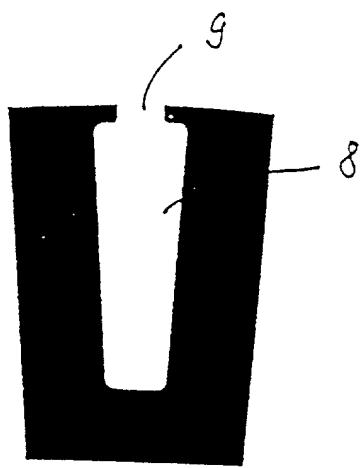


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